

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

Richard Paul Welch Jr.,

Petitioner,

v.

State of Vermont,

Respondent.

Civil Action No. 2:25–cv–25-wks-kjd

ORDER
(Doc. 1)

Petitioner Richard Paul Welch Jr., proceeding *pro se*, seeks to file a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and the rules governing proceedings thereunder.

The Clerk of this Court is respectfully directed to cause to be served a copy of the petition herein and this Order upon Respondent and the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Vermont. Respondent shall within 30 days after the date of this Order file an answer as required by Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases and show cause—if any there be—why the writ should not issue as requested. Any reply to Respondent’s answer shall be filed within 30 days after service of the answer upon Petitioner.

Dated at Burlington, in the District of Vermont, this 16th day of January 2025.

/s/ Kevin J. Doyle
Kevin J. Doyle
United States Magistrate Judge